

Rob Royd Farm Shop, Genn Lane, Barnsley

**Proposed Car Park Extension
Transport Statement**

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This transport statement has been produced in support of the proposals to extend car parking provision at the Rob Royd Farm Shop on Genn Lane in Barnsley.
- 1.2 These current development proposals should be viewed in the context of earlier planning approvals, (Ref - B/04/1853/WB) which allowed for the construction of the shop and associated infrastructure (including car parking with a total provision of 16).
- 1.3 This Transport Statement will focus on identifying the traffic and transportation implications of the proposed car park extension taking account of existing highways conditions in the vicinity of the application site.

2 Site and Application Details

- 2.1 Rob Royd Farm Shop has been operational for some eighteen months, providing a wide range of home grown, locally sourced and organic fresh foods. With a growing reputation for the principles of sustainability through securing local suppliers it has proved to be a big success with increasing visitor numbers month on month.
- 2.2 The site of the Farm Shop, as illustrated in the attached drawing, is located on the eastern side of Genn Lane, some 600 metres from the junction of Keresforth Hall Road and Keresforth Hill Road and around 1.3 miles from the urban centre of Barnsley.
- 2.3 The current proposals are to extend the car parking provision within the site, providing 20 parking spaces in addition to the existing provision of around 16 spaces. Visibility out of the site onto Genn Lane from 2.4 metres back from the carriageway edge is unrestricted in both directions. These visibility splays, which fall wholly within the applicant's ownership, will be maintained clear of all obstruction to visibility above 1m in height. As illustrated on the application plan the car park access is some 7m wide.

- 2.4 The intention behind the proposed car park extension is not to provide for more traffic generation to the farm shop but rather to more safely accommodate the existing car born patronage and in so doing improve conditions along Genn Lane for all road users.
- 2.5 Given that the application site is within an area of green belt, the farm shop operator remains concerned to ensure that the site and its car parking do not detract from the local environment. This policy will be maintained through the provision of screening to ensure the extension of the car park does not visually impact on its surroundings.

3 Genn Lane and its use

- 3.1 The development is located on Genn Lane, an adopted public highway linking Kingston (and Barnsley centre beyond) with the settlements of Worsborough and Worsborough Bridge to the south.
- 3.2 Genn Lane is reasonably well use and provides direct access to a number of residential properties, some of which are located immediately to the south of the application site.
- 3.3 In the vicinity of the application site Genn Lane is subject to the national speed limit of 60mph and is lit to side road standards. The carriageway at the application site is some six metres wide and divided with hazard centre line markings. There is no footway to the eastern side of Genn Lane, which restricts the ability of people to access the facility safely on foot from cars parked on the carriageway.
- 3.4 The record of injury accidents for the last three years identifies just the one accident on Genn Lane involving a serious injury to a lone driver losing control and leaving the road during the hours of darkness some 500 metres to the south of the application site. Two other slight accidents occurred at the signal controlled junction of Keresforth Hill Road and Keresforth Hall Road. Of these two accidents one involved extraordinary circumstances.

- 3.5 Examination of this accident record clearly shows that those accidents which have occurred were of a disparate nature which would not be contributed towards by these development proposals.
- 3.6 A copy of the accident report is included in Appendix C for information.

4 Rob Royd Farm Shop and its Parking Demand

- 4.1 The Farm Shop operates seven days a week, with the following hours of operation:

Monday –	Closed
Tuesday –	0930 - 1700
Wednesday –	0930 - 1700
Thursday –	0930 - 1700
Friday –	0930 - 1700
Saturday –	0900 - 1600
Sunday –	Closed

- 4.2 In addition to the normal day time opening hours there are a number of evenings when special events are organised (for example wine and cheese nights etc) resulting in a significant increase in car parking demand .
- 4.3 Whilst the shop is open five days a week the peak demand normally occurs on a Saturday and over specific periods of the year; notably the run up to Christmas. The purpose behind the proposal to increase the size of the existing car park at the Rob Royd Farm Shop is to satisfy these peak periods of parking demand and overcome the problems of car parking extending outside of the site and along Genn Lane.
- 4.4 The extended car park will thus improve conditions for pedestrians and other road users of Genn Lane, including those who reside in the immediate vicinity. Furthermore the car park will be lined and signed to facilitate circulation and prevent inference with the access from Genn Lane.

- 4.5 An additional benefit of the increased parking area will be that delivery vehicles will more easily be able to manoeuvre within the site ensuring the free flow of vehicles along Genn Lane.

5. Sustainable Accessibility and Promotion

- 5.1 Whilst for many, the only viable means of accessing the site will be by car, the alternative more sustainable options will be promoted and encouraged wherever possible.
- 5.2 Public transport will be a suitable means for some people getting to the site, and whilst there are no services which pass along Genn Lane itself there are a number of regular services that can be accessed on Keresforth Hill Road some 600 metres away. These have been summarised below: -

Approximate Frequency Per Hour

Service	Route	Monday - Friday				Saturday	Sunday
		AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Evening		
43	Barnsley – Pogmoor (Circle)	2	2	2	2	2	1
44	Barnsley – Kingstone (Circle)	2	2	2	1	2	1
7	Barnsley – Blacker Hill	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0
7a	Barnsley – Blacker Hill	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.5
20	Barnsley - Holmfirth	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
20a	Barnsley – Deepcar	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
21	Barnsley – Cubley	2	2	2	1	2	1

- 5.3 As outlined there are a number of regular services operating in close proximity to the development, including at weekends when demand for access is likely to be greatest. To promote this public transport information will be made available in the shop and via the shop website, which is currently under development.
- 5.4 The centre of Barnsley, with its bus and rail interchange points, is just 1.3 miles walking/cycling distance from the development. To promote and facilitate cycling, storage facilities will be made available to customers in a prominent and sheltered location. Furthermore secure motorcycle anchorage points will be provided for those wishing to access the shop by this mode of travel.

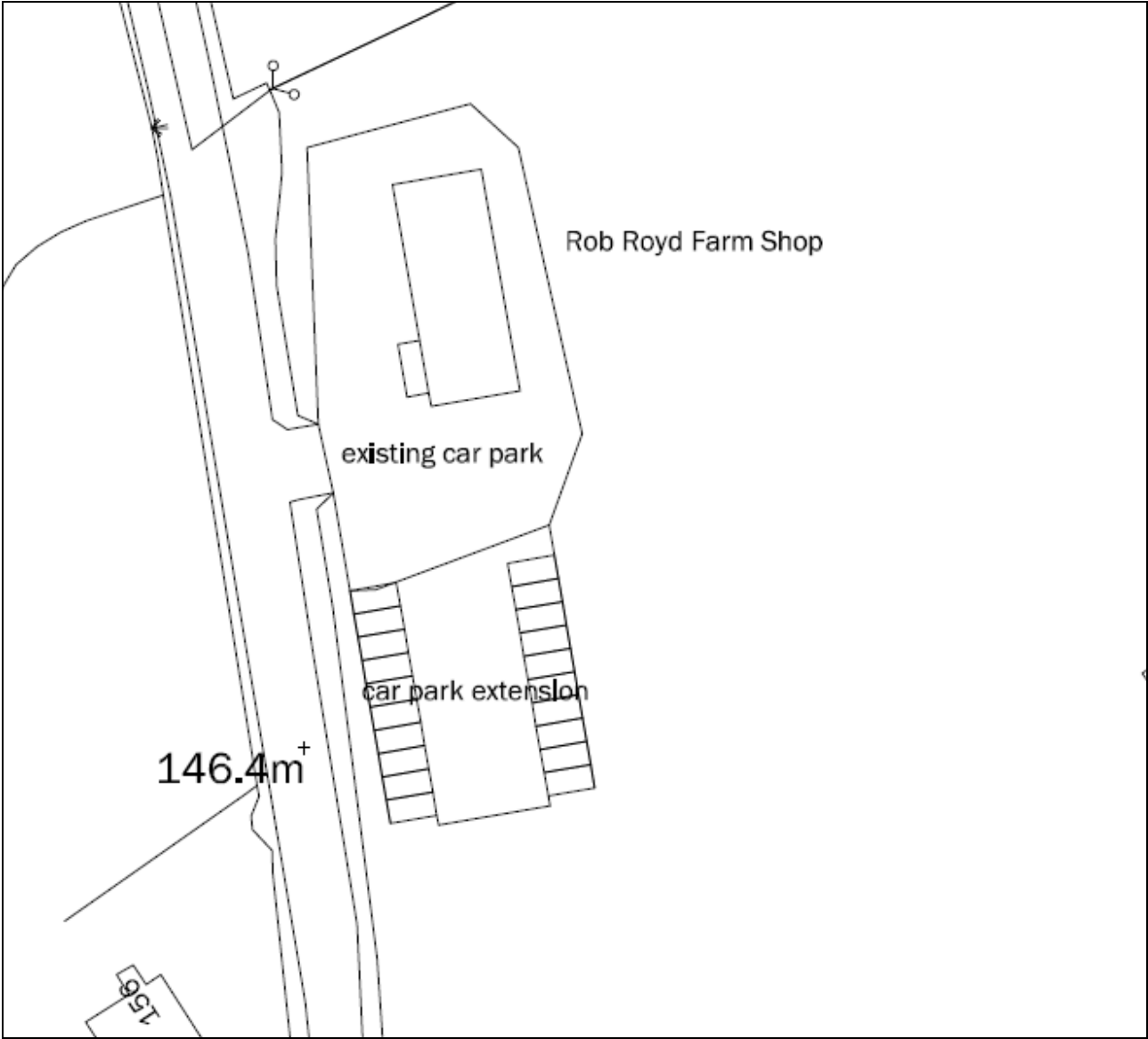
6 Conclusion

- 6.1 From this examination of existing conditions at the application site and along Genn Lane, it is clearly apparent that the proposal to extend the existing car park will positively improve road safety conditions in the vicinity of the site.
- 6.2 This Transport Statement therefore concludes that there are no highway reasons why the proposal should not be granted planning approval.

Appendix A – Photographic Evidence of Car Parking Demand



Appendix B – Proposed Site Layout



Appendix C – Accident Report Data

